

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Chief/FIOB

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SUBJECT: SLOBODA, Vladimir  
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1. At the request of the Deputy Chief, SRS, a summary has been prepared concerning Vladimir SLOBODA, Polish-born United States Army enlisted man who defected on 2 August 1960 and was granted political asylum by the USSR.

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BACKGROUND

2. The following background information concerning SLOBODA was obtained from Army Chief of Staff Intelligence (ACSI).

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SLOBODA's KNOWLEDGE OF CIA PERSONNEL

8. George W. FINNEY, #87796, CIA staff employee assigned to the German Station from 1956 to 1962, stated in October 1960 that as early as March 1960 SLOBODA knew him by his true name. FINNEY saw SLOBODA about three times in the latter's office concerning the acquisition of basic intelligence materials such as East German telephone books, city plans, etc. FINNEY questioned other CIA employees concerning their knowledge of SLOBODA. None had any personal contact with him but all felt that they had seen him at the Camp King coffee bar. FINNEY thought it conceivable that SLOBODA could have learned the true names of CIA employees at Camp King.

POSSIBLE RECRUITMENT ATTEMPT BY SLOBODA

9. The following information was extracted from U.S. Army Counter-intelligence Summary, dated 15 February 1961, concerning two approach operations against USAREUR personnel by Soviet Intelligence Services (SIS).

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CONCLUSION

10. It is not known whether SLOBODA is affiliated with the Soviet Intelligence Services at this time. According to a Foreign Service Dispatch, dated 19 December 1962, from the American Embassy, Moscow,

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